Early intervention with *Bifidobacterium lactis* NCC2818 modulates the host-microbe interface independent of the sustained changes induced by the neonatal environment

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Table 1: Diet Composition (Calculated)

^{*}Formula milk supplement (units in finished feed)

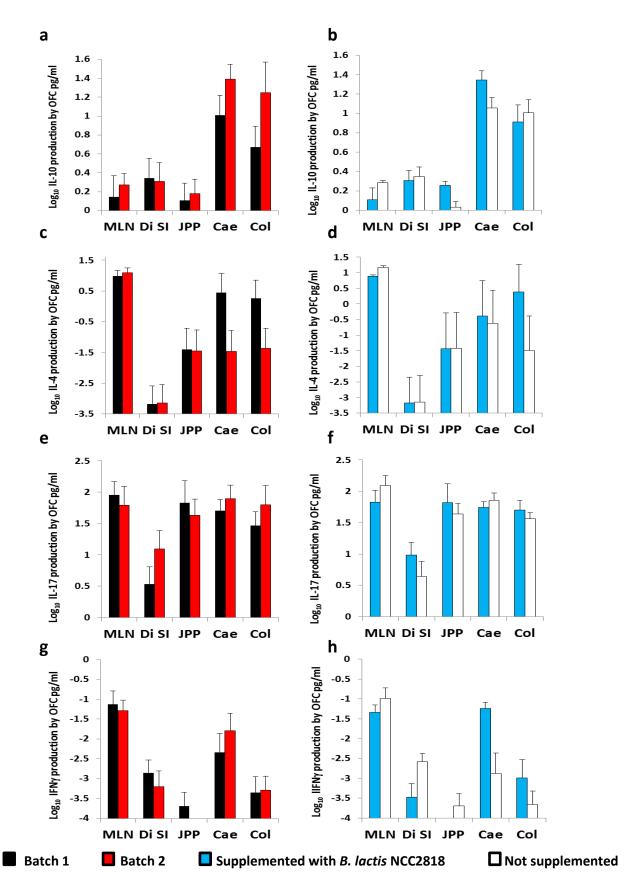
Vitamin A 16mg/kg; vitamin D₃ 2mg/kg; vitamin E 250mg/kg; vitamin K (menadione) 4mg/kg; vitamin C 150mg/kg; plus full complement of B group vitamins.

**Piglet starter 210 supplement (units in finished feed)

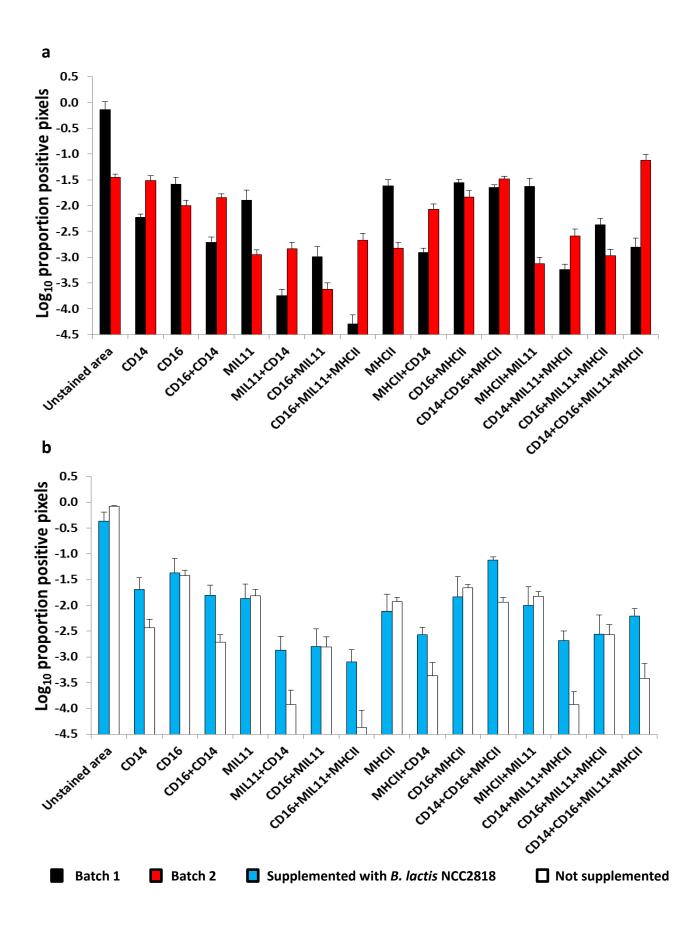
Vitamin A 16mg/kg; vitamin D_3 2mg/kg; vitamin E 250mg/kg; vitamin K (menadione) 4mg/kg; vitamin B_1 10mg/kg; vitamin B_2 16mg/kg; vitamin B_6 10mg/kg; vitamin B12 0.05mg,kg; Nicotinic acid 50mg/kg; Pantothenic acid 30mg/kg; Biotin (Vitamin K) 0.2mg/kg; Vitamin C 200mg/kg; Folic acid 3mg/kg; Choline Chloride 300mg/kg.

Trace minerals: Copper 155mg/kg; Iron 375mg/kg; Zinc 110mg/kg, Manganese 100mg/kg; Cobalt 0.5mg/kg; Iodine 1.2mg/kg; Selenium 0.3mg/kg.

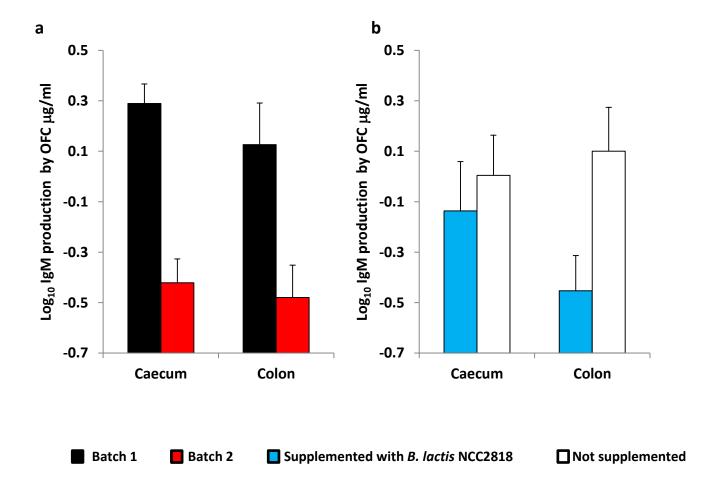
Supplementary Table 1. Composition of formula milk and egg-based weaning diet



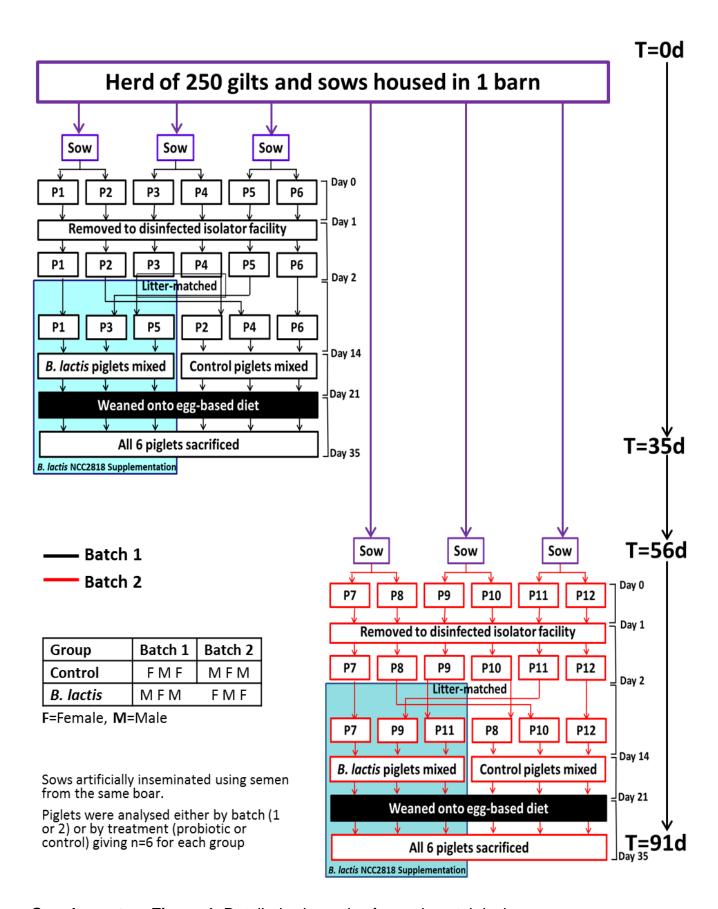
Supplementary Figure 1: Cytokine production by organ fragment cultures (OFC) of the intestinal-associated tissues mesenteric lymph node (MLN), distal small intestine (Di SI), jejunal Peyer's patch (JPP), caecum (Cae) and colon (Col) by batch (left column. black, batch 1; red, batch 2) and by treatment (right column. supplemented with *B. lactis* NCC2818, blue; unsupplemented control, white). Where **a** and **b** are IL-10, **c** and **d** are IL-4, **e** and **f** are IL-17 and **g** and **h** are IFN_γ (Error bars=SEM; n=6).



Supplementary Figure 2. Log₁₀ of the proportion of colonic tissue staining positive for CD14, CD16, capillary endothelium (MIL11) and MHCIIDR (and all combinations) was quantified using 4-colour fluorescence immunohistology by batch (**a**) and by treatment (**b**) where batch 1, black; batch 2, red; supplementation with *B. lactis* from 2 days onwards, blue; control (no supplementation, white. (Error bars=SEM; n=6).



Supplementary Figure 3. Immunoglobulin M (IgM) production by organ fragment cultures (OFC) of caecum (Cae) and colon (Col) by batch (**a** black, batch 1; red, batch 2) and by treatment (**b** supplemented with *B. lactis* NCC2818, blue; unsupplemented control, white). (Error bars=SEM; n=6).



Supplementary Figure 4: Detailed schematic of experimental design